



Supplement of

A spatiotemporally separated framework for reconstructing the sources of atmospheric radionuclide releases

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9 **Note S1: Bayesian method for source reconstruction**

10 The Bayesian method is combined with Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling to estimate the source location and release rate
 11 simultaneously. Bayes' theorem can be expressed as:

$$12 \quad p(\mathbf{s}|\boldsymbol{\mu}) \propto p(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\mathbf{s})p(\mathbf{s}), \quad (\text{S1})$$

13 where \mathbf{s} is the parameter vector containing source parameters and $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ is an observation vector. $p(\mathbf{s})$ describes the probability
 14 distribution of prior knowledge on \mathbf{s} and $p(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\mathbf{s})$ is the likelihood function quantifying the goodness of fit between the
 15 simulations and observations. Consistent with general approaches, we define $p(\mathbf{s})$ as the uniform distribution bounded by the
 16 lower and upper limits of the source parameters. Referring to (Dumont Le Brazidec et al., 2021), $p(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\mathbf{s})$ is defined as the log-
 17 Cauchy distribution:

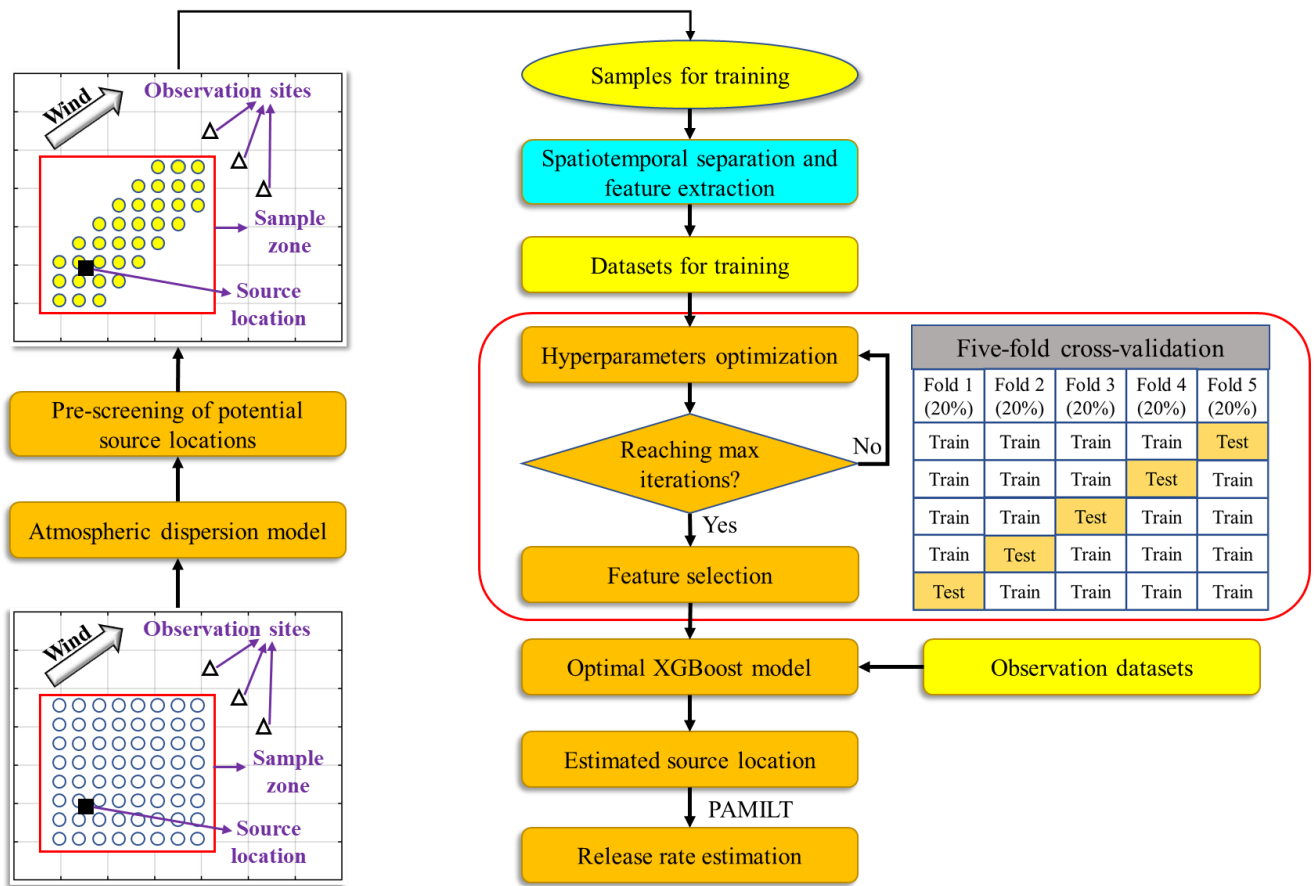
$$18 \quad p(\boldsymbol{\mu}|\mathbf{s}) = -\sum_{i=1}^O \ln \left\{ r + \left[\ln(\mu_i + \mu_t) - \ln \left((F(\mathbf{s}))_i + \mu_t \right) \right]^2 \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(r), \quad (\text{S2})$$

19 where O is the number of observations; F is a function that maps the source parameters to the simulations; r is a covariance
 20 parameter which forms the covariance matrix $\mathbf{R} = r\mathbf{I}$ and μ_t is a positive threshold that ensures the logarithm is defined
 21 properly for zero measurements or simulations.

22 However, the release rate is time-varied, so it is not realistic to define the prior distribution of the release rate in every time
 23 step. Hence, we incorporate the source inversion method into this process, which involves calculating the corresponding release
 24 rate for the sampled source location and then obtaining Eq. (S3) using the sampled location and calculated release rate. We
 25 apply a traditional Tikhonov method to calculate the release rate as follows:

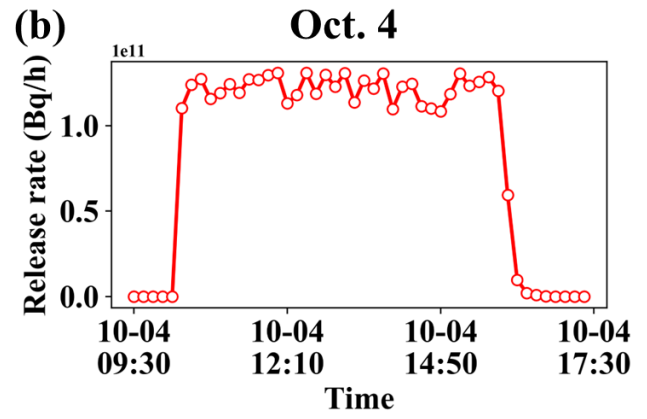
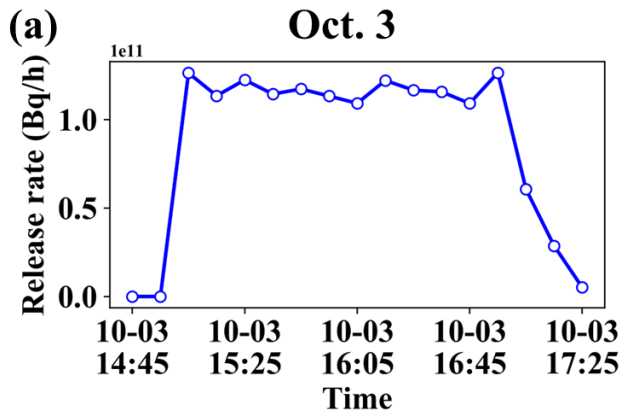
$$26 \quad \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{r}) = \operatorname{argmin} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{q}\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{q}\|_2^2 \right), \quad (\text{S3})$$

27 where $\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{r})$ refers to the estimated release rate vector under the source location \mathbf{r} and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})$ refers to the source–receptor matrix
 28 given \mathbf{r} . λ is a regularization parameter that is automatically selected by generalized cross-validation (Hansen and O'Leary,
 29 1993).



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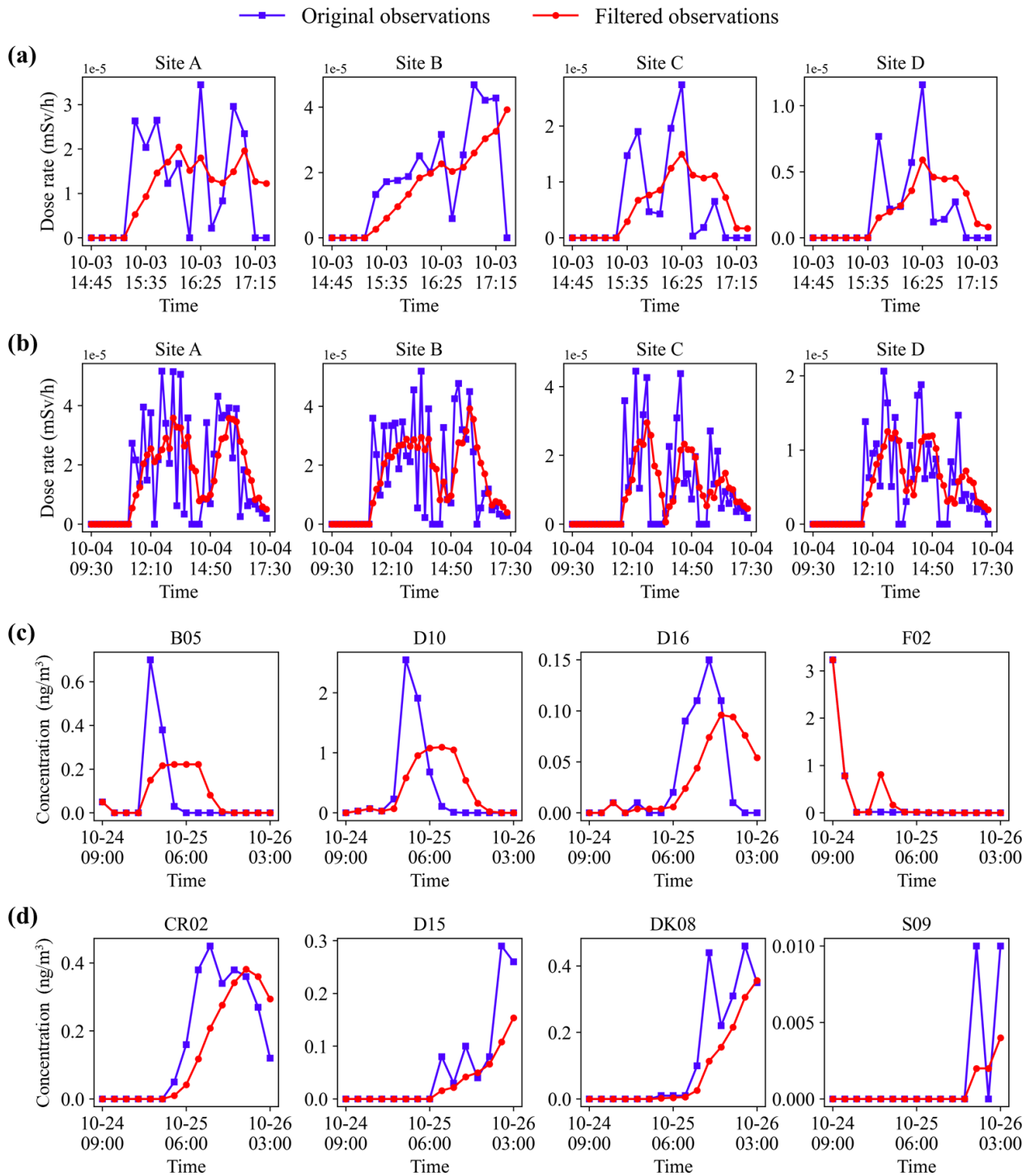
31 **Figure S1.** Flowchart of the proposed spatiotemporally separated source reconstruction method.



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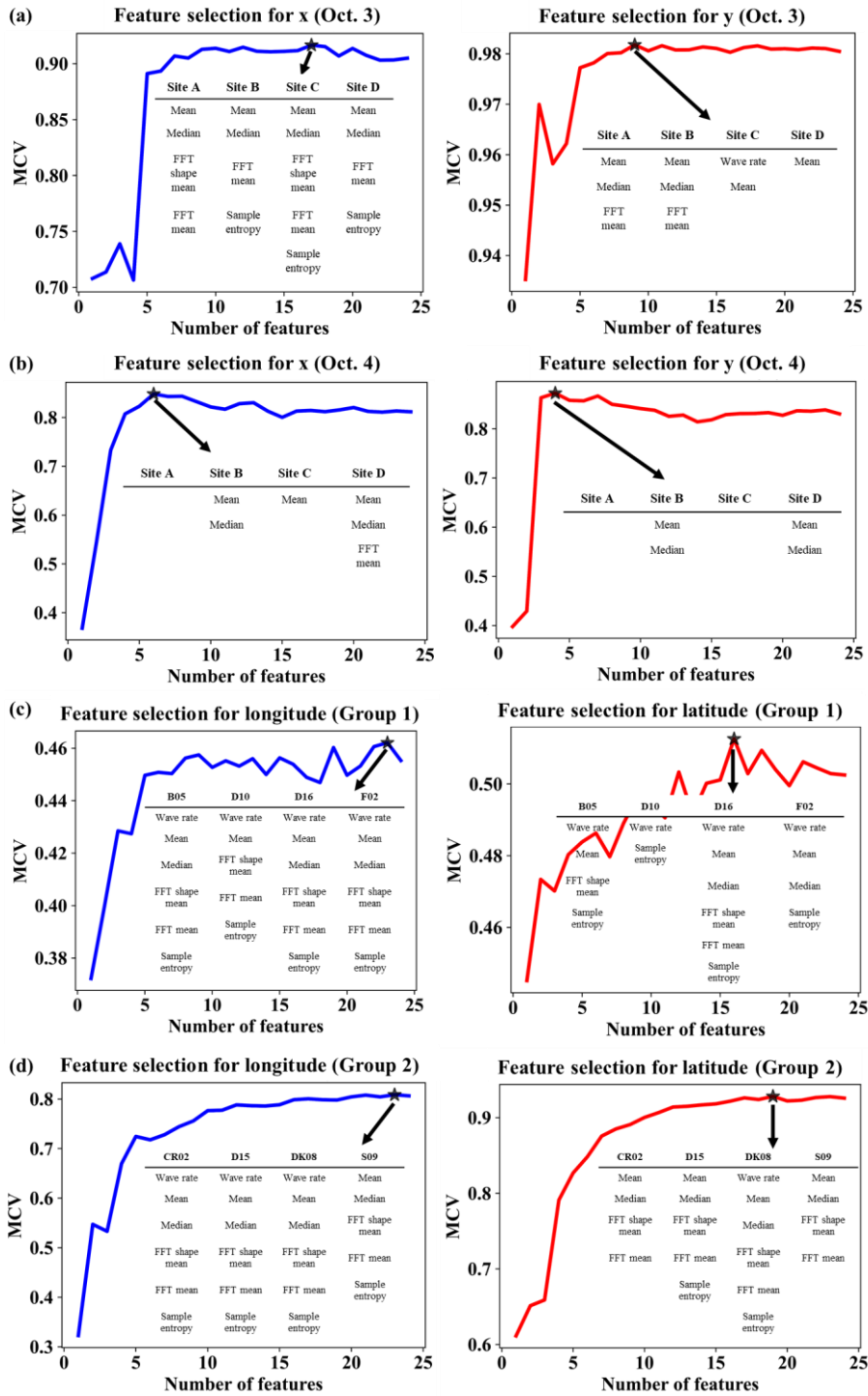
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Figure S2. Synthetic release rates for generating synthetic observations of SCK CEN ⁴¹Ar experiment. (a) 3 October; (b) 4 October.



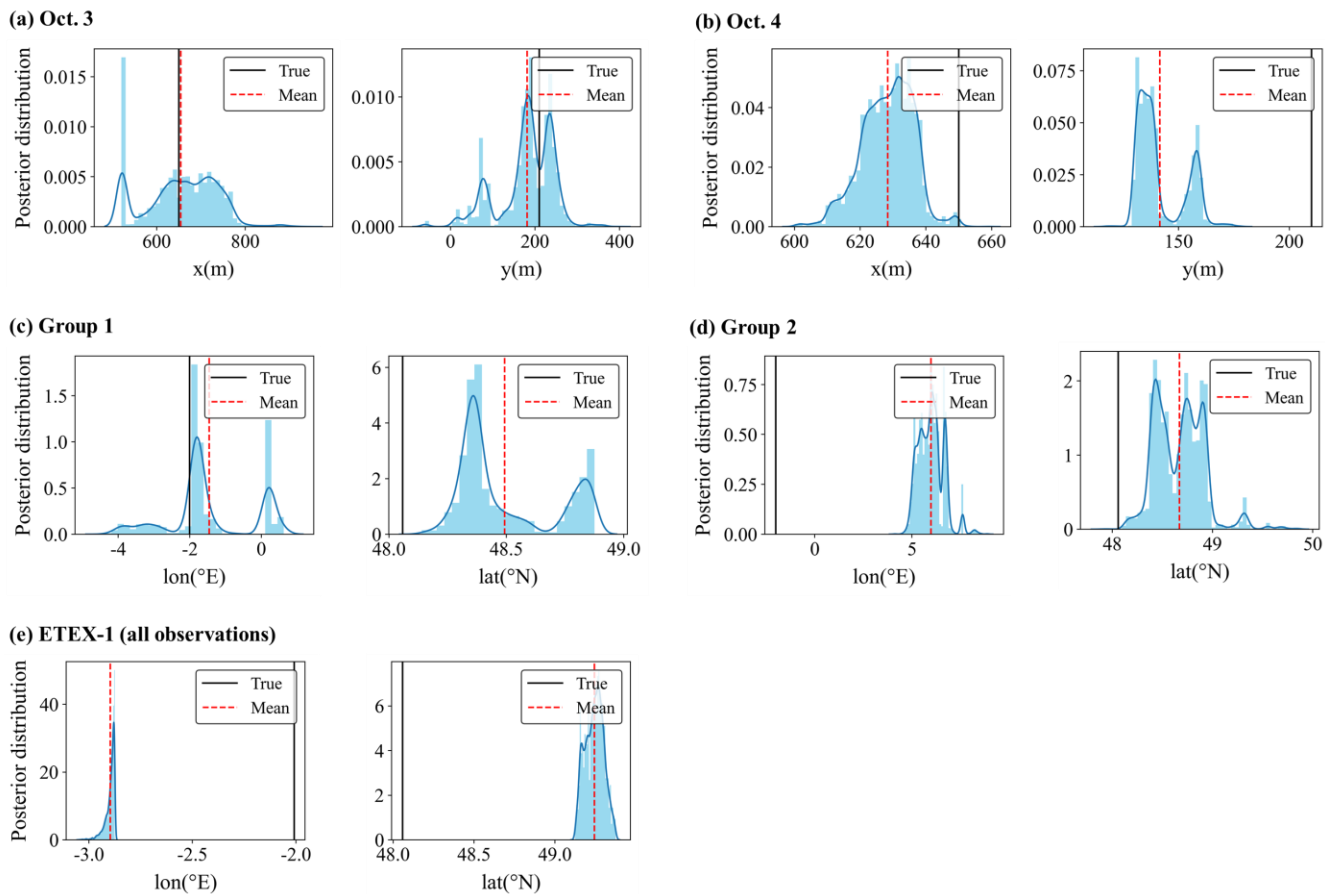
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35 **Figure S3.** Observations before and after filtering at observation sites. SCK CEN ^{41}Ar experiment: (a) 3 October; (b) 4 October. ETEX-1
 36 experiment: (c) Group 1; (d) Group 2.



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38 **Figure S4.** Results of feature selection in x (longitude) and y (latitude) directions. SCK CEN ^{41}Ar experiment: (a) 3 October; (b) 4 October.
 39 ETEX-1 experiment: (c) Group 1; (d) Group 2. The black stars denote the optimal number of features. The table inserted in each subgraph
 40 lists the selected features for each observation site.



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42 **Figure S5.** Posterior distributions of source location parameters. SCK CEN ^{41}Ar experiment: (a) 3 October; (b) 4 October. ETEX-1
 43 experiment: (c) Group 1; (d) Group 2; (e) ETEX-1 (all observations in ETEX-1 are used). The black solid lines denote the true location
 44 parameters and the dashed lines denote the mean estimates of all posterior samples.

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46 **Table S1.** Hyperparameter optimization results. *max_depth*-maximum depth of a decision tree; *learning_rate*-step size shrinkage when
 47 updating; *n_estimators*-number of decision trees; *min_child_weight*-minimum sum of sample weight of a child node; *subsample*-subsample
 48 ratio of the training samples; *colsample_bytree*-subsample ratio of columns when constructing a decision tree; *reg_lambda*-L2 regularization
 49 term on weights; and *gamma*-minimum loss reduction required to split the decision tree.

Optimization results		SCK CEN ⁴¹ Ar experiment		ETEX-1 experiment	
		3 October	4 October	Group 1	Group 2
Hyperparameters	<i>max_depth</i> ([3,8])	8	7	3	7
	<i>learning_rate</i> ([0.05,0.3])	0.07057	0.14413	0.06860	0.07619
	<i>n_estimators</i> ([50,300])	283	185	93	234
	<i>min_child_weight</i> ([2,10])	4	10	8	6
	<i>subsample</i> ([0.5,1])	0.62353	0.52721	0.66447	0.62146
	<i>colsample_bytree</i> ([0.01,1])	0.39145	0.57415	0.33031	0.77954
	<i>reg_lambda</i> ([0.01,5])	0.71074	2.30624	3.95098	4.62217
	<i>gamma</i> ([0.01,1])	0.47779	0.51660	0.67626	0.85628
Optimal GC	0.01230	0.03700	0.88040	0.44510	

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51 **Table S2.** Hyperparameter optimization results of all 50 runs for 3 October of SCK CEN ⁴¹Ar experiment.

Run	Hyperparameters							
	<i>max_depth</i>	<i>learning_rate</i>	<i>n_estimators</i>	<i>min_child_weight</i>	<i>subsample</i>	<i>colsample_bytree</i>	<i>reg_lambda</i>	<i>gamma</i>
1	8	0.06963	257	2	0.58442	0.99833	0.56084	0.03347
2	8	0.05003	261	3	0.65774	0.76821	3.67031	0.40337
3	7	0.08651	246	4	0.76497	0.86844	1.82068	0.02107
4	3	0.10114	240	3	0.72483	0.99964	1.90473	0.40321
5	4	0.09505	299	4	0.86627	0.91229	2.72513	0.73273
6	6	0.12811	198	4	0.86151	0.91167	2.01739	0.64585
7	8	0.12143	160	5	0.76193	0.87631	1.32947	0.10111
8	4	0.10118	149	2	0.75307	0.47997	1.42352	0.32648
9	6	0.08344	203	2	0.73900	0.58051	4.27579	0.36316
10	6	0.08371	293	4	0.70524	0.50305	1.58921	0.90349
11	6	0.08044	203	7	0.74233	0.83712	1.87067	0.66921
12	8	0.08750	298	5	0.73452	0.95439	3.24463	0.23793
13	8	0.12917	218	5	0.64402	0.57828	0.79801	0.43434
14	5	0.09389	279	2	0.97316	0.80680	1.61133	0.05062
15	8	0.14586	255	9	0.54883	0.74530	3.62691	0.21478
16	8	0.09194	160	3	0.59974	0.83406	0.33249	0.18032
17	4	0.08920	257	2	0.67346	0.99730	0.98970	0.17230
18	4	0.09419	294	4	0.79714	0.87812	3.77772	0.88406
19	5	0.07604	299	3	0.79858	0.83297	0.36589	0.27070
20	6	0.08451	231	3	0.76571	0.89974	2.67871	0.31997
21	5	0.15257	203	3	0.83687	0.94582	1.67365	0.06759
22	4	0.14711	180	3	0.82554	0.79287	1.10286	0.31295

23	5	0.08729	285	2	0.67684	0.91908	0.81695	0.76090
24	8	0.09440	235	2	0.66775	0.88929	4.40930	0.04806
25	7	0.10085	216	3	0.58725	0.68488	1.70407	0.25164
26	8	0.09937	200	3	0.83402	0.78555	3.59830	0.55999
27	3	0.12772	189	6	0.75408	0.99256	1.67164	0.24484
28	8	0.10973	183	2	0.50393	0.53818	0.67395	0.18678
29	6	0.09468	185	2	0.59535	0.75381	2.10634	0.48731
30	6	0.09652	247	3	0.69860	0.95369	0.05146	0.48637
31	7	0.06846	185	5	0.52549	0.61305	0.97320	0.17339
32	8	0.09323	215	4	0.74269	0.98432	4.30255	0.28215
33	7	0.09339	299	6	0.61681	0.49190	2.27687	0.96352
34	7	0.11693	234	3	0.74464	0.54387	1.02597	0.63504
35	4	0.06858	277	2	0.74264	0.92278	1.30424	0.81347
36	5	0.08068	246	5	0.73714	0.99006	1.39783	0.27963
37	8	0.08645	274	4	0.82352	0.99618	3.59875	0.82528
38	7	0.18011	226	8	0.66425	0.81094	0.98036	0.11274
39	5	0.08397	212	3	0.62934	0.45110	1.94896	0.64913
40	5	0.07800	228	2	0.66806	0.91700	0.32409	0.53206
41	6	0.07905	231	4	0.63064	0.93657	0.01082	0.03863
42	3	0.09277	261	3	0.72093	0.96486	1.73917	0.39009
43	5	0.08732	217	2	0.81405	0.78575	1.71376	0.85775
44	5	0.08417	225	3	0.61443	0.61703	2.06192	0.93001
45	8	0.14916	188	4	0.71686	0.87552	0.21908	0.58120
46	6	0.10745	179	3	0.82311	0.92434	3.99176	0.29124
47	4	0.13632	252	4	0.83077	0.92543	3.17264	0.31258
48	8	0.12402	176	4	0.70048	0.75866	3.18949	0.92647

49	8	0.07057	283	4	0.62353	0.39145	0.71074	0.47779
50	5	0.11104	197	3	0.79114	0.86436	3.16004	0.19049

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Table S3. Hyperparameter optimization results of all 50 runs for 4 October of SCK CEN ^{41}Ar experiment.

Run	Hyperparameters							
	<i>max_depth</i>	<i>learning_rate</i>	<i>n_estimators</i>	<i>min_child_weight</i>	<i>subsample</i>	<i>colsample_bytree</i>	<i>reg_lambda</i>	<i>gamma</i>
1	5	0.07095	242	10	0.53823	0.98511	3.43106	0.47567
2	6	0.13148	121	10	0.52493	0.91239	4.40584	0.19543
3	7	0.15575	102	9	0.50009	0.80159	1.43484	0.98014
4	7	0.10178	245	9	0.50621	0.55022	2.84160	0.78872
5	6	0.15994	88	9	0.54667	0.93870	0.68681	0.82277
6	6	0.07483	221	7	0.50084	0.97352	3.24507	0.65469
7	7	0.08191	179	8	0.50132	0.99302	4.00168	0.63458
8	5	0.05154	256	10	0.50279	0.97827	1.93594	0.01850
9	8	0.05644	294	10	0.56394	0.84780	2.05943	0.27115
10	4	0.07670	281	10	0.53927	0.97848	4.82450	0.27244
11	6	0.13550	112	10	0.53406	0.53254	2.40913	0.53195
12	6	0.08587	203	10	0.63046	0.84871	4.82865	0.96621
13	7	0.09585	288	10	0.50229	0.99575	4.49999	0.55975
14	7	0.08191	245	10	0.54189	0.87572	3.95663	0.85872
15	7	0.07474	174	7	0.51174	0.96561	2.97146	0.92806
16	5	0.08019	212	9	0.50228	0.98434	4.45686	0.41716
17	8	0.07642	205	9	0.52041	0.84692	4.46048	0.41196
18	8	0.08315	218	10	0.56530	0.92783	4.49138	0.69385
19	7	0.09760	171	10	0.57999	0.74319	0.76715	0.72171
20	5	0.10593	142	9	0.52512	0.99411	0.89520	0.27131
21	8	0.07079	185	9	0.50469	0.87378	1.08559	0.25444
22	6	0.11366	183	9	0.57435	0.77739	3.16044	0.93374

23	6	0.11157	254	9	0.52017	0.97489	1.90816	0.79666
24	7	0.11255	188	8	0.50796	0.74881	1.66455	0.77696
25	7	0.18193	79	10	0.68663	0.99816	2.79139	0.92738
26	5	0.20795	137	10	0.60099	0.37442	4.72568	0.01013
27	5	0.08039	208	10	0.55245	0.85163	2.68594	0.57202
28	4	0.13824	232	9	0.53167	0.97794	4.99790	0.72989
29	5	0.11709	264	10	0.50079	0.65333	4.99177	0.01211
30	7	0.08384	183	9	0.54315	0.85012	2.95216	0.68107
31	7	0.07624	243	10	0.51390	0.68864	2.39622	0.79548
32	8	0.12670	219	9	0.51735	0.51438	4.86510	0.39015
33	7	0.17030	133	8	0.50620	0.74374	4.58307	0.02592
34	6	0.17322	101	7	0.54173	0.74255	4.24794	0.97291
35	4	0.09476	222	10	0.50025	0.77689	4.46467	0.83712
36	7	0.10917	175	9	0.52491	0.91604	2.16957	0.73717
37	7	0.08104	168	10	0.50263	0.50745	3.81626	0.69286
38	5	0.13034	245	10	0.50188	0.76513	2.11312	0.03408
39	8	0.08419	196	10	0.55446	0.85748	4.85152	0.63630
40	8	0.08592	205	10	0.52833	0.88829	2.58534	0.47814
41	6	0.16963	80	8	0.56274	0.94076	3.32882	0.66880
42	7	0.14335	123	8	0.56362	0.91686	4.92034	0.02893
43	8	0.12178	183	10	0.58719	0.86078	3.42019	0.41184
44	7	0.14413	185	10	0.52721	0.57415	2.30624	0.51660
45	6	0.08748	221	10	0.50936	0.70774	2.06636	0.28648
46	7	0.08946	176	10	0.55001	0.92642	3.51959	0.19652
47	7	0.09190	157	8	0.63144	0.74802	0.11220	0.61326
48	5	0.13140	200	10	0.51145	0.69994	3.88528	0.53884

49	5	0.12585	187	10	0.50120	0.93257	2.44567	0.98524
50	6	0.07366	250	9	0.53270	0.95103	1.97326	0.23232

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55 **Table S4.** Hyperparameter optimization results of all 50 runs for Group 1 of ETEX-1 experiment.

Run	Hyperparameters							
	<i>max_depth</i>	<i>learning_rate</i>	<i>n_estimators</i>	<i>min_child_weight</i>	<i>subsample</i>	<i>colsample_bytree</i>	<i>reg_lambda</i>	<i>gamma</i>
1	3	0.07742	63	9	0.55953	0.44389	0.35824	0.81392
2	4	0.05011	142	3	0.70683	0.23027	4.89201	0.98193
3	3	0.06110	99	2	0.93364	0.37012	2.20274	0.76370
4	7	0.06117	64	10	0.55117	0.24878	2.34822	0.07471
5	3	0.07906	76	9	0.71631	0.38280	1.84573	0.22755
6	3	0.05067	116	4	0.70755	0.37613	1.50917	0.85795
7	3	0.06296	86	9	0.76834	0.34797	1.04674	0.44097
8	3	0.05342	106	5	0.53520	0.18199	4.18213	0.89476
9	3	0.07584	76	4	0.95540	0.53685	1.30937	0.49309
10	3	0.07213	84	5	0.98527	0.41048	2.61014	0.06896
11	3	0.05907	115	6	0.74495	0.37051	1.96059	0.27702
12	3	0.09471	76	3	0.91290	0.51041	0.38558	0.05232
13	3	0.07018	103	3	0.87242	0.35732	2.77176	0.16073
14	3	0.07072	95	10	0.98317	0.34966	4.67025	0.95006
15	3	0.08357	66	2	0.80913	0.37858	2.74202	0.05494
16	3	0.05001	121	3	0.52214	0.27101	4.30584	0.30632
17	3	0.09354	50	6	0.64736	0.62473	2.55863	0.35745
18	3	0.05486	134	8	0.66206	0.71278	0.80280	0.97413
19	3	0.07556	102	5	0.70927	0.34789	3.12167	0.99997
20	3	0.07479	52	9	0.79240	0.56720	1.02323	0.32951
21	3	0.05518	78	10	0.66309	0.99871	3.14571	0.84078
22	3	0.05139	111	6	0.73839	0.42603	2.49218	0.87318

23	3	0.10952	50	5	0.97390	0.22350	0.88047	0.35097
24	3	0.06860	93	8	0.66447	0.33031	3.95098	0.67626
25	3	0.08670	54	5	0.79857	0.39303	3.19098	0.54197
26	3	0.08125	67	8	0.94963	0.33151	4.40350	0.06507
27	3	0.08396	50	2	0.93428	0.37792	3.77359	0.13881
28	3	0.05418	95	9	0.99598	0.25227	1.60204	0.38791
29	3	0.06935	89	8	0.90482	0.35876	4.15848	0.85423
30	3	0.06319	76	2	0.91583	0.43665	3.35600	0.88327
31	3	0.09009	50	4	0.94183	0.48645	4.03998	0.17582
32	3	0.06213	148	8	0.69235	0.34063	1.38470	0.71691
33	3	0.05735	74	10	0.83704	0.36175	2.28311	0.93893
34	3	0.06437	72	3	0.98748	0.31363	1.63480	0.22685
35	3	0.06022	60	6	0.66204	0.69317	1.21692	0.30900
36	3	0.09555	53	5	0.80980	0.46487	1.90000	0.60232
37	3	0.08434	50	8	0.52774	0.26641	0.48391	0.31574
38	3	0.07105	51	5	0.96131	0.63725	2.01205	0.60509
39	4	0.05005	62	10	0.77964	0.22026	3.55884	0.74839
40	4	0.07553	74	2	0.99323	0.36292	2.61782	0.17595
41	3	0.05239	77	7	0.50028	0.95751	2.41469	0.72211
42	3	0.08421	51	5	0.99977	0.45864	2.15063	0.54258
43	3	0.05414	82	8	0.62226	0.76122	2.83002	0.53414
44	3	0.05259	111	4	0.93432	0.32197	2.04760	0.44156
45	3	0.09454	60	4	0.72047	0.23879	4.65624	0.75740
46	3	0.05013	93	4	0.58250	0.40493	2.11383	0.47864
47	3	0.11330	50	2	0.71413	0.69524	3.50503	0.16269
48	3	0.08314	50	10	0.96691	0.50529	2.97909	0.95771

49	6	0.05978	107	7	0.63666	0.20488	0.61715	0.79254
50	3	0.07770	71	3	0.98943	0.58108	1.17867	0.22360

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57 **Table S5.** Hyperparameter optimization results of all 50 runs for Group 2 of ETEX-1 experiment.

Run	Hyperparameters							
	<i>max_depth</i>	<i>learning_rate</i>	<i>n_estimators</i>	<i>min_child_weight</i>	<i>subsample</i>	<i>colsample_bytree</i>	<i>reg_lambda</i>	<i>gamma</i>
1	8	0.17252	127	7	0.58651	0.60647	4.02984	0.60724
2	8	0.22988	68	9	0.54811	0.91321	2.29180	0.12852
3	8	0.10002	213	10	0.75238	0.64053	4.99653	0.10778
4	4	0.12366	147	5	0.87463	0.83119	0.63085	0.26995
5	5	0.23441	297	7	0.97266	0.36675	0.34489	0.99034
6	4	0.20533	155	4	0.63974	0.56526	2.63317	0.38177
7	5	0.10641	151	3	0.76094	0.79390	0.98025	0.96160
8	4	0.17290	222	4	0.55589	0.76284	1.62191	0.47379
9	4	0.05855	160	3	0.88818	0.79781	4.98019	0.84983
10	4	0.11741	184	5	0.79714	0.83203	4.43324	0.62777
11	4	0.16266	136	2	0.75690	0.93818	3.30854	0.55481
12	5	0.23134	144	2	0.58373	0.60423	2.76711	0.16986
13	8	0.27891	193	7	0.64977	0.89059	3.88204	0.23152
14	7	0.18603	245	8	0.77290	0.78709	3.45149	0.01806
15	5	0.16915	268	10	0.62385	0.49651	2.30355	0.27120
16	4	0.20217	64	2	0.92784	0.78470	0.94699	0.93657
17	5	0.10871	181	9	0.70489	0.84917	4.43678	0.07228
18	5	0.07394	297	8	0.87839	0.62200	3.24008	0.11160
19	6	0.20293	216	9	0.66381	0.89210	4.08151	0.60613
20	7	0.20570	158	4	0.50653	0.86393	3.36667	0.79227
21	5	0.20083	88	7	0.57460	0.62410	1.26707	0.17321
22	4	0.27072	50	4	0.85604	0.86560	0.16264	0.44052

23	8	0.15380	86	5	0.67811	0.74505	4.54334	0.93377
24	4	0.16205	183	6	0.59364	0.93969	1.05664	0.40669
25	6	0.14171	288	6	0.75389	0.85527	4.65363	0.50557
26	7	0.21287	253	9	0.59311	0.65113	2.79234	0.83703
27	4	0.15371	247	5	0.77890	0.52357	4.81584	0.67752
28	5	0.11665	135	5	0.79729	0.86017	4.26743	0.12912
29	4	0.08378	192	4	0.52749	0.79980	2.64816	0.57092
30	6	0.13030	210	3	0.50209	0.61548	3.80894	0.64347
31	7	0.24148	173	10	0.64711	0.79358	2.66441	0.23023
32	6	0.09301	204	8	0.69879	0.97301	4.67770	0.36945
33	5	0.12318	283	6	0.93580	0.70267	2.23369	0.17565
34	4	0.23289	227	7	0.60924	0.76662	2.97809	0.22066
35	6	0.21219	162	3	0.54969	0.50796	4.01790	0.10632
36	5	0.10657	148	3	0.77407	0.84022	4.19435	0.53237
37	4	0.14220	169	4	0.69411	0.90516	2.46148	0.83182
38	6	0.11224	239	4	0.64335	0.91879	1.53421	0.43750
39	5	0.08990	98	5	0.83843	0.99546	3.80815	0.86071
40	6	0.19006	130	4	0.95749	0.88483	3.68950	0.17261
41	5	0.21434	93	6	0.80593	0.97025	2.23769	0.40479
42	7	0.07619	234	6	0.62146	0.77954	4.62217	0.85628
43	4	0.17377	273	6	0.85218	0.79578	3.43808	0.62076
44	4	0.18522	135	4	0.82615	0.63563	4.24215	0.56409
45	4	0.14993	152	8	0.60441	0.80580	2.50467	0.09351
46	5	0.15229	164	7	0.94667	0.83661	3.59476	0.15891
47	5	0.15393	116	9	0.90651	0.85377	4.60433	0.89894
48	5	0.22272	290	9	0.86799	0.85502	4.52637	0.79836

49	5	0.11275	91	4	0.72730	0.75528	3.72672	0.17298
50	4	0.13702	299	7	0.95702	0.91622	2.93120	0.22371

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